

Learning Support Services Developmental Ed Dispatch

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Can You Believe It? The Semester is Drawing to a Close!

Where does the time go? It's already time for us to prepare students for finals. In our study skills courses, we are beginning to help students get organized to study for finals and create their final projects.

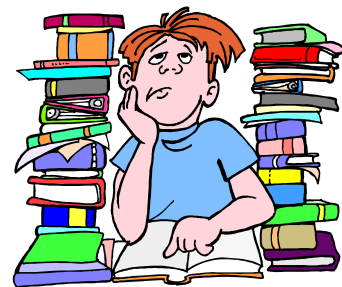
That also means that **the last day to apply**

for a tutor in a 100-level subject area course is coming up fast—November 19. Please help us help students by encouraging them to sign up for tutoring as soon as possible.

Students can apply online for a tutor

through our website at www.oneonta.edu/academics/LSS.

If you have any questions about our services or if you wonder how we could help your students, we would be happy to hear from you. Call us at 436-3010.



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE COLLEGE WRITING EXAM

November 19
December 10
All exams will be held from
3:00-6:00 p.m. in IRC 1

Students are encouraged to take the CWE after the second semester of their sophomore year.

Have students visit our website www.oneonta.edu/academics/lss/ for more information and to register to take the exam.



Points to Ponder: On Assessment

In Sally Brown, Phil Race and

Brenda Smith's 500 Tips on Assessment, the authors include "An Assessment Manifesto," a list of ten "values" they "believe should underpin assessment" (142). Here's what they had to say:

- 1) Assessment should be based on an understanding of how students learn.
- 2) Assessment should accommodate individual differences in students.
- 3) The purposes of assessment need to be clearly explained.
- 4) Assessment needs to be valid.
- 5) Assessment instruments and processes need to be reliable and consistent.
- 6) All assessment forms should allow students to receive feedback on their learning and their performance.
- 7) Assessment should provide staff and students with opportunities to reflect on their practice and their learning.
- 8) Assessment should be an integral component of course design, and not something bolted on afterwards.
- 9) The amount of assessment should be appropriate.
- 10) Assessment criteria need to be understandable, explicit and public.

Please recommend your exceptional students as tutors!

Learning Support Services offers students **free** tutoring in most 100-level courses. We hire (at \$5.50/hour) exemplary

students who come with faculty recommendations to tutor students one-on-one.

Please direct your students who have

your recommendation (and a B+ or better in your course) to contact Mary Dorn at 436-3010 or at LSS@oneonta.edu.

We are currently in dire need of Math, Computer Science, and Earth Science tutors. Tutoring is great experience to show on a resume!